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### HARYANA GOVERNMENT

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

#### Notification

The 13th December, 2019

#### Village Water & Sewerage Committee

**No. 19/01/2019-3PH.**— In partial modification of the Government notification No. 29628 dated 08.05.2012 the provisions contained in the said order are revised with a view to improving rural water supply and Sewerage service delivery and achieve greater participation of Rural habitants and to improve drinking water and sewerage service level and strengthen service delivery arrangements under Jal Jeevan Mission in all villages of Haryana State under Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

Whereas the functions and duties of Gram Panchayat have been defied in the section 21 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act 1994, which includes Drinking Water and control of water pollution.

Whereas the sub committees can be constituted in every Gram Panchyat under Section 22 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 to perform the duties and functions as defined in Section 21 of the said Act.

#### 1. Constitution of VWSC

Every Gram Panchayat shall constitute a VWSC consisting of not more than 4 Panches including the Sarpanch and such other members from amongst the village community selected by the Gram Sabha in accordance with the composition of the VWSC as defined in clause 2 below. The Gram Panchayat shall pass a resolution recognizing the constitution of VWSC and approve the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of business of the VWSC.

#### 2. Composition of VWSC

The composition of VWSC shall be as under:—

1.	Sarpanch of Village Panchayat (Ex-officio Chairperson)	Chairperson
2.	Three members out of Panches as ex- officio members of the VWSC, out of which one shall be woman, one shall be a Scheduled Caste and one shall be a General member to be nominated by Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat.	Member (3 No.)
3.	Four members to be selected other than, Panches and Sarpanch may be from amongst all social sections of the village community who have demonstrated committed leadership and worked in the past for the overall development of the village and community.	Member (4 No.)

	This may include youths in the villages, members of Self Help Group, retired teachers, ex-service men, Anganwari workers, ASHA, village Chokidar, Mahila Mandal Pardhan etc.	
4.	Junior Engineer from Development and Panchayats Department	Member
5.	Gram Sachiv (Secretary Gram Panchayat)	Convener
6.	Junior Engineer from Public Health Engineering Department	Technical Member

### 3. Office Bearers of VWSC

- The Sarpanch shall be the ex-officio chairperson of the VWSC.
- The VWSC members shall select from among its members a treasurer and a secretary.
- The Junior Engineer or any other official deputed for the purpose from Public Health Engineering Department shall be the Technical Member of the VWSC.

### 4. Tenure of membership

- The tenure of all ex-officio members i.e. Sarpanch and Panches, in the VWSC shall be co- terminus with their holding of office of Sarpanch or Panch.
- All members of VWSC shall also stand dissolved on dissolution of Gram Panchayat, the Sarpanch being suspended or removed and the office of the chairperson of the VWSC falling vacant, an officer/ Panch appointed as Acting Sarpanch/ Administrator shall perform the functions of chairperson and on the reinstatement of the Sarpanch, Acting Sarpanch/ Administrator will hand over the charge of chairperson to the Sarpanch, and in case of dissolution of Gram Panchayat the person appointed as Administrator shall perform the functions of Chairperson. The officer appointed shall hand over the office of chairperson as soon as the Gram Panchayat is reconstituted.

### 5. Roles and Responsibilities of VWSC

The VWSC shall perform all functions in respect of providing water supply and Sewerage facilities and services to the village community. These include:

- Planning, implementation, supervision, monitoring, operation and maintenance, contracting etc. relating to the creation, acquisition, hiring, rehabilitating, rejuvenating, taking over or otherwise acquiring intra-village infrastructure, utilities, systems and other services for providing water supply and Sewerage related service to the village community;
- Deciding on feasible and cost effective technology choices and schemes for providing water supply and Sewerage services in the villages;
- To obtain Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction of detailed scheme reports from PHED for solving water supply or sewerage related problems in the village;
- To act as a link and liaison between Gram Panchayat, Public Health Engineering Department, other departments and Institutions involved in the water supply and sewerage sector;
- Dissemination of information, creation of awareness and education of village community on all aspects of water supply and sewerage including health and hygiene and water resource management;
- Opening and operation of bank accounts, receipt and expenditure of funds for performance of its roles and responsibilities, maintain up to date accurate books of accounts and make available records, for audit/ inspections;
- Receipt of funds from Public Health Engineering Department and spend the same for approved Water Supply and Sewerage schemes in the village;
- Enter into MOU or other forms of agreement with District level Institutions and Public Health Engineering Department;
- Procurement of works, goods or services for carrying out its role and responsibilities in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Public Health Engineering Department;
- Entering into contracts with the contractors, support organizations or other service providers for executing water supply and Sewerage activities in the village;
- Mobilization of villagers for community action to solve the water supply sewerage problems among the village community;
- Mobilization of users share of capital cost of setting-up of water supply and sewerage facilities among the village community;
- Provision of connections for households in respect of water supply and sewerage schemes as per Government policy;

- XIV. Prescription and collection from users of water supply and sewerage facilities such charges, fees, tariffs or deposits as it may deem fit for recovering the operation and maintenance cost of water supply & sewerage infrastructure, facilities and services;
- XV. Collaboration with VWSCs of other villages by nominating representatives, signing of MOUs, sharing of responsibilities, contributing financial resources or otherwise for undertaking water supply and sewerage related services to the village by sharing services from multi- village, inter-village water supply and Sewerage infrastructure or facilities
- XVI. The VWSC shall remain accountable to the Gram Sabha for all its activities.
- XVII. The VWSC shall undertake all its activities using participatory methodologies so as to include all sections of the village community.
- XVIII. The VWSC shall ensure that there is equity of benefits to everyone in the village from its activities.
- XIX. The activities of the VWSC shall be done in a transparent manner by providing key information to all members in village community.
- XX. Prevent obstruction or hindrance to any works of water supply and sewerage being implemented in the village(s) under the Mahagram Yojana, NABARD or any other program by PHED.
- XXI. To carry out a contingent plan, in the event of the State being declared as “drought Affected”.
- XXII. In the event of the VWSC failing to meet and transact business for three consecutive months, not undertaking its roles and responsibilities in an effective manner as prescribed in this notification, mis- utilization, embezzlement of funds or office bearers acting in manners benefiting themselves or close relatives, the Gram Sabha can request the Public Health Engineering Department to take over the functions of the VWSC with approval of DWSM. In the event of such take over, the Public Health Engineering Department must initiate activities through the Gram Panchayat, help in re-constituting a VWSC and entrust it back with the taken over responsibilities.
- XXIII. All moveable and immovable assets shall remain in the name of Gram Panchayat or Public Health Engineering Department and VWSC shall have no powers to transfer the title of ownership to any other individuals or institutions or create any charge on the assets.
- XXIV. All technical activities shall be undertaken with the guidance and supervision of the Public Health Engineering Department and in compliance with the guidelines issued by Public Health Engineering Department, from time to time.
- XXV. The VWSC shall submit periodic progress reports and such other reports as may be prescribed from time to time, by Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana.
- XXVI. Arranging community contributions towards capital costs, both in cash and kind (labour, land or material), if any.
- XXVII. Commissioning and takeover of completed water supply and sewerage works also record of consumers and their Accounts.
- XXVIII. For Multi Village Scheme, the Scheme Level Committee (MVSLC) could perform a similar role. Comprising of members from participating VWSC of each village.
- XXIX. Sanction of new water supply and sewerage connection to the consumers.
- XXX. To ensure potable water supply, regular checking of the quality of the water from the Laboratory.
- XXXI. To submit utilization certificates of the funds received from Public Health Engineering Department.

If at any time, it is observed that the Committee is not performing its functions, then it can be dissolved and reconstituted as per the provisions of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act 1994 and Rules made there under.

DEVENDER SINGH,  
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